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THE PASSING OF HAWAII'S QUEEN

The news of the death of Queen Liliuokalani at Honolulu last Sunday, while not unexpected, was a shock to many on Maui and was received with feelings and expressions of deepest regret. To old-timers it was not only the snapping of the main link between the regal past and the democratic present in Hawaii, but it meant the closing of a life which had passed through the fires of the bitterest antagonism into a career of dignified womanhood and usefulness, and, finally, into a sunset of sincerest respect and love. The younger generation had personally known only of the latter, and to such the death of Hawaii's Queen has possibly been equally impressive.

Many there are who remember the bitterness of the years following the overthrow of the monarchy, in which the Queen was a central figure; the soldiers, the sandbags around the capitol building, the gleaming field pieces, the intrigues, the attempt at restoration in 1895 and the uneasiness until the American flag went up on August 12, 1898. But likewise will they remember the final dignified acquiescence of Liliuokalani in the inevitable and the unfolding of her true character in the manifestation of genuine patriotism and love for all people, friends and former foes, which increased as the passing years drew her career toward life's evening shadows.

Some of those whose lives paralleled the more active years of the late Queen quite possibly remember much to criticize; but in the light of more recent events one is moved to wonder if, after all, her mistakes of the long ago were not inspired entirely by unwise advisers. The future historian and the student yet farther removed from the bitterness of the time will probably so rule; and it is but Christian for us to meet this ultimate conclusion half way. Let us close the veil, so far as is possible, upon these errors of the mind and remember Liliuokalani for what she has been to us for so many years—a good, Christian Queen.

RENEWED ENTHUSIASM NEEDED

We much deplore the necessity of complaining about the waning interest of the ladies of Maui in Red Cross work. Awhile back there was great enthusiasm and earnestness, but, somehow, of late, there has been a disappointing slackness, both as to attendance upon meetings and as to general results. For instance, at the last meeting in Wailuku, there were only twelve ladies present, while there should have been thirty-five or forty. Numerous other instances, suggesting a weakening of interest, might be recited. This, following a season of the most commendable activity, is the more surprising for the reason that, with the rush of troops to France, the need of the handiwork of the ladies, through the Red Cross, is far more urgent than ever before.

It is hoped that the ladies of Maui will re-muster their enthusiasm in this vitally important work. Please get in touch again with the pressing need; attend the meetings, and help bear the burden of "those who cannot fight."

THE AMERICAN OF FOREIGN DESCENT

A gentleman of a Maui town has handed us a copy of a speech recently delivered by Mr. Otto H. Kahn, of the great banking house of Kuhn, Loeb & Company, German-American, that so clearly defines the true position of foreign-born citizens of this country that we feel called upon to reprint extracts therefrom, as of undoubted interest to our readers. Mr. Kahn, himself German born, said:

"The difference in the degree of guilt as between the German people and their Prussian or Prussianized rulers and leaders for the monstrous crime of this war and the atrocious barbarism of its conduct, is the difference between the man who, acting under the influence of a poisonous drug, runs amuck in mad frenzy and the unspeakable malefactor who administered that drug, well knowing and fully intending the ghastly consequences which were bound to follow."

"The world fervently longs for peace. But there can be no peace answering to the true meaning of the world, no peace permitting the nations of the earth, great and small, to walk unarmed and unafraid, until the teaching and the leadership of the apostles of an outlaw creed shall have become discredited and hateful in the sight of the German people, until that people shall have awakened to a consciousness of the unfathomable guilt of those whom they have followed into calamity and shame, until a mood of penitence and of decent respect for the opinions of mankind shall have supplanted the sway of what President Wilson has so trenchantly termed 'treacherous treachery.'"

"When the war commenced," said Mr. Kahn, "I believed that this was no ordinary war between peoples for a question of national interest or even national honor, but a conflict between fundamental principles and ideas; and so believing, I was bound to feel that the natural lines of race, blood and kinship could not be the determining lines for one's attitude and alignment; but that each man, whatever his origin, had to decide according to his judgment and conscience on which side was the right and on which was the wrong and take his stand accordingly, whatever the wrench and anguish of the decision. And thus I took my stand three years ago."

"For we Americans of foreign antecedents are here not by the accidental right of birth, but by our own free choice for better or for worse. We are your fellow citizens because you accepted our oath of allegiance as given in good faith, and because you have opened to us in generous trust the portals of American opportunity and freedom, and have admitted us to membership in the family of Americans, giving us equal rights in the great inheritance which has been created by the blood and the toil of your ancestors, asking nothing from us in return but decent citizenship and adherence to those ideals and principles which are symbolized by the glorious flag of America."

"As Washington led Americans of British blood to fight against Great Britain, as Lincoln called upon Americans of the North to fight their very brothers of the South, so Americans of German descent are now summoned to join in our country's righteous struggle against a people of their own blood which, under the evil spell of a dreadful obsession, and, Heaven knows, through no fault of ours, has made itself the enemy of this peace-loving nation, as it is the enemy of peace and right and freedom throughout the world."

"To gain America's independence, to defeat oppression and tyranny, was indeed to gain a great cause. To preserve the union, to eradicate slavery, was perhaps a greater still. To defend the very foundations of liberty and humanity, the very groundwork of fair dealing between nations, the very basis of peaceably living together among the peoples of the earth against the fierce and brutal onslaught of ruthless, lawless, faithless might; to spend the lives and the fortunes of this generation so that our descendants may be freed from the dreadful calamity of war and the fear of war, so that the energies and millions and billions of treasure now devoted to plans and instruments of destruction, may be given henceforth

to fruitful works of peace and progress and to the betterment of the conditions of the people—that is the highest cause for which any people ever unsheathed its sword.

"He who shirks the full measure of his duty and allegiance in that noblest of causes, be he German-American, Irish-American, or any other hyphenated American, be he I. W. W. or socialist or whatever the appellation, does not deserve to stand amongst Americans or indeed amongst free men anywhere."

"He who, secretly or overtly, tries to thwart the declared will and aim of the nation in this holy war, is a traitor, and a traitor's fate should be his."

WAR SITUATION CHANGED AGAIN

The pendulum of success, which has swung so frequently to one side or the other during the war, seems this week to be again on the side of the Allies, although a week ago it was the other way. With the Italians on the run at the south and Kerensky's government overthrown at Petrograd, the situation a few days ago was not satisfactory. But now, it is different. The Italians are making a stand, and French and English reinforcements are rushing to their assistance, while the long arm of Uncle Sam is reaching around into the Mediterranean with the "where-withal". Kerensky, far from being beaten, is asserting his power in such way as promises to bring order out of chaos in the near future, which, while it may not be of material advantage to the Allies in man power, will, at least, prevent the liberation of some 600,000 German prisoners in Russia, the services of whom are now so much needed by the Huns.

A feature of the week's news was to be noted in the small number of vessels torpedoed. The approach of winter may have had something to do with this, but the indication certainly was and is that the submarine campaign is weakening.

Taken altogether, the week has been a very satisfactory one, despite the loss of a few of our own men at the western front.

The December number of the Paradise Of The Pacific indicates in its one hundred pages of valuable reading matter and beautiful illustrations a most ambitious effort. In its riot of cloring and metropolitan adjustment it encroaches closely upon the achievements of greater enterprises of the mainland; and Honolulu and the Islands may quite consistently feel proud of it.

The news in last night's wireless which indicated that the United States had been, or was, shipping sugar to Russia doubtless caused a lifting of eyebrows throughout the land. If it has come to the point where America is called upon to supply a heavy sugar producing country with the commodity, it is little wonder that sugar is unusually high. The circumstance also suggests that Russia is even farther down and out than reports have indicated.

THE RED FISH INVASION

The ancient superstition that visits of red fish in large numbers to the Islands portend the death of some member of the royal family, absurd as it may be, has just had what may be considered by many a remarkable substantiation. A few months ago there started running into and around the harbors of the Islands such schools of alalaua as had not been seen before in five years or more, if not in many years prior to that; and the schools of aweoweo, or grown alalaua, are still here. When the little red fish first started coming in months ago, the older natives shook their heads and declared that one of their aliis must go. It has so turned out. Of course the supposition that there is, or can be, any connection between the two circumstances is ridiculous, but the singular thing to anybody is that the two incidents should have happened together so many times in history, as to create a more or less fixed superstition.

Maui is greatly disappointed that none of the Congressmen are to visit this island, but under the extraordinary circumstances, it is well. We hope that they will remember, when going away, that they missed seeing an important and interesting section of the Territory of Hawaii, and that that may prove an incentive to another visit to the Islands ere long.

Alfred W. Carter says he made a mistake in his first letter and that the price of beef would be raised two cents, in place of one cent, a pound. The thought struck us, originally, that the beef trust was becoming rather liberal in its allowance to the public.

The policy of the Maui board of supervisors not to insure school property is unwise. The money lost on the teachers' cottage at Puunene last week would have paid the insurance on the cottages of the entire island for several years.

The Maui Chamber of Commerce and the Racing Association are both to be congratulated on securing a real home of their own. It is a progressive move.

It was heartless of Oahu to shear the Samsonian locks of our Filipino guardsmen.

Maui's horse is ready for that Hilo marathon, but we have not heard how the others of Mr. Wadsworth's team are coming along.

Queen Liliuokalani's life was a stormy one, and it appears that, even after she is gone, the tempests are to rage about her estate.

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